

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1897 - HB 2165

March 7, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes Hickman County and Lawrence County to re-establish the office of elected school superintendent by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the county governing body. The office shall be filled by popular vote and elections shall be held at the regular August election. In addition, if a county chooses to conduct an election for a school superintendent prior to the expiration of a contract, the county is responsible for the contractual obligation to an incumbent Director of Schools.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- To the extent a county elects to re-establish the elected office of school superintendent and opts to buy out an appointed director of schools' contract before the end of the term of the contract, local government expenditures would increase. Such increase in expenditures would depend on how much time is left on the contract at the time of buyout, but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- The power of the county governing body to re-establish the elected office of school superintendent is a local choice; therefore, any expense associated with the re-establishment of the elected office is permissive.
- The cost to add this one item to the election ballot every four years would depend on how many systems chose to elect the school superintendent and in which counties the choice is made; however, any increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- If a county elects to return to the office of elected superintendent of schools, the local education agency (LEA) within the county or city would opt to allow the current director of schools to complete his/her contract, at which time the school superintendent would be elected.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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